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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6605**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 477**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Negligent Sterilization.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill prohibits the parent of a child, who was conceived and born healthy after the performance of a medical sterilization procedure, from suing for negligence. It also prohibits the child from suing.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** There are no data available to indicate how many people conceive and deliver a healthy child after having had a medical sterilization procedure. The bill would limit the parents or child from suing for negligence in this situation. The suit would be a civil procedure, and if fewer civil actions occurred as a result, revenue to the state General Fund may decrease assuming fewer court fees are collected. A civil filing fee of \$100 is assessed when a civil case is filed. 70% of the filing fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** If fewer civil actions occur, local governments would receive less revenue from the following sources: 1) the county general fund receives 27% of the \$100 filing fee that is assessed in a court of record; 2) cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record receives 3% of court fees; and 3) if the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, city and town courts.

**Information Sources:**